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SANTA MONICA BAY BEACHES WET-WEATHER BACTERIA TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD REGULATION

On March 19, 2003, the State Water Resources Control Board approved the wet-weather bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Santa Monica Bay beaches. This TMDL will cover 27 areas (subwatersheds) that drain into the Santa Monica Bay beaches. These areas are grouped into seven jurisdictional groups for TMDL implementation purposes. Each of the seven jurisdictional groups is assigned a primary jurisdiction and other responsible jurisdictions. The primary jurisdiction is the municipality that overlays the greatest land area within the jurisdictional group. The County is the primary jurisdiction in one of the seven groups and a responsible jurisdiction in five others.

The TMDL requires that the primary jurisdiction and the other responsible jurisdictions in each jurisdictional group submit an implementation plan within 20 months from the TMDL approval date. We anticipate that such a plan will require hiring consultants to perform fieldwork, such as water quality monitoring, hydrological investigation, and evaluation of various Best Management Practices. To facilitate the preparation of the plan, Public Works and the other responsible jurisdictions are preparing a Memorandum of Understanding. The cost of plan preparation will be approximately \$500,000. The cost of implementation over a 15- to 20-year period could range as high as \$400 million per Regional Board estimates.

If you have any questions, please call me, or your staff may contact Don Wolfe at (626) 458-4014.

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